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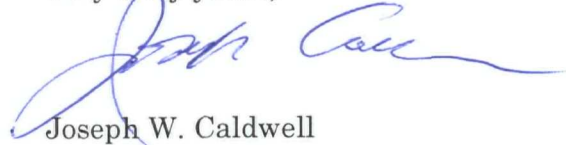
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 5  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60604-3590  
Attention: Joan Tanaka, Chief  
Remedial Response Branch #1

Ms. Tanaka:

In your November 30, 2011, letter to Michael Smith of Empire Metal, you inserted an information request regarding Empire Metal's involvement with Chemetco.

I have been informed that Empire Metal shipped boxed, clean copper wire to Chemetco. Empire did not remove any metal from the Chemetco site. The material shipped was number 2 copper wire and it was to be recycled into new copper cathodes. As far as Empire knows, all of the material was to be made available for use as feedstock. Empire Metal did not melt any material and all material was shipped using 4 x 4 cardboard boxes. Empire did not have any transactions involving electrical equipment. The material only included pipe and wire. Empire only took material to the site and did not remove any material from the site.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Jessie Hardesty

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